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MEMORANDUM FOR: IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges

SUBJECT: "10 Project Series"

1. The topics submitted by members of the Committee for possible US initiative have been culled. A group of them were selected for further consideration by subcommittees substantively capable of dealing with them in detail. The particular topics were selected because they seemed to have a combination of high intelligence potential and limited Soviet gain potential under controlled conditions, both indicated in lucid supporting documentation. The processing of the selected topics has reached a point which makes it appropriate that the Committee give further consideration to the residual suggestions.

2. In order to facilitate the review, the topics have been divided into five categories, each covered in an annex to this memorandum. They are:

Annex A - Projects Under Consideration. This list includes all exchanges which can be classified by subject and are in some stages of planning. Many are not connected with the "10 Project Series".

Annex B - Completed exchanges. Under each one completed are listed those topics suggested by members as part of the "10 Project Series" which would seem to be covered. In the absence of compelling reasons, other topics should probably take priority over these.

Annex C - Topics Involving Overriding National Defense Consideration. These topics are so interwoven with some aspect of Defense development that it would seem extremely difficult to develop a meaningful exchange on an unclassified basis. The execution of an exchange in one of these fields would seem to be too risky considering the present stage of the art of exchange-handling. The visits by the JCS or any part thereof will probably set the pattern for most of the future sensitive-type exchanges.

Annex D - Marginal Intelligence Potential. The support material furnished for these topics does not indicate a high enough intelligence potential to justify a Committee recommendation to State at this time.

Annex E - Priority Items. This group would seem to be worthy of Committee consideration. Some topics were held back because it has been Committee policy not to burden a subcommittee with more than one topic except in an emergency, others merely rate lower than the first list.

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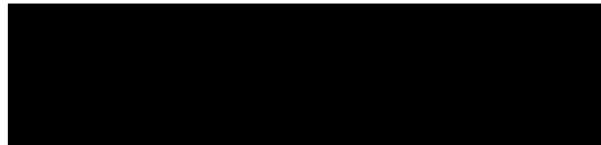
3. The distribution of topics under the five headings is based on the opinion of the Secretary and is properly the subject of Committee review. All members have received copies of all material bearing on the problem. It may be that members may wish to strengthen the supporting material for some topics. Based on the following considerations it is recommended that no further topics be assigned active status at present:

a. Twenty topics are in some stage of negotiation. Some of these should reach fruition and yield further experience as background for the Committee's efforts.

b. The present uncertainty on the policy aspects of the exchange program should be resolved soon, giving better direction to Committee efforts.

c. State has a backlog of cases to be cleared now. Much of the Committee's advice may be obsolete if the backlog becomes too great.

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Secretary

IAC STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

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Annex A

Annex B

Annex C

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